1	2	3	4	5	6
2	Soil, water and tree conservation in the Himalayan Operation Soilwatch	1985-86 1986-87	1177 1078	34173 26950	
3	Establishment of Silvipastoral Farms	1985-86 1986-S7	182		
4	Decentralised Peoples Nurseries	1985-86 1986-87	414 1006		2005

Scheme started in late 1986-87. Physical achievement expected in 1987-88. **Grants released at the end of the Year—Achievements included in the year 1986-87.

Message sent *to* Sri Lankan Govern ment on ethnic issue

425. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India sent any message on the 9th February, 1987 to the Government *ol* Sri Lanka regarding ethnic problem of Tamils; and

(b) if so, what were the salient features of that message and wha? was the reaction and response of tha Sri Lankan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir. The message was conveyed by our High Commissioner in Colombo on the I0tn February, 1987.

(b) Prime Minister's message of the 10th February is given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below). The Sri Lankan *President's response* of the 12th February is given in the attached Statement-II. *(See* below)

Statement—)

Message from P.M. to President Jay-wardene conveyed by High Commissioner Dixit on 10-2-87

As far as the current military continue and other discriminatory measures like economic and communications blockade affecting civilians exist, India is not in a position to resume discussions with Tamil militants. While this is for the present, India will remain willing to resume the peace process if and when these actions are withdrawn.

India is firmly of the view that the proposals which emerged on the 19th of December after Mr. Natwar Singh and Mr. Chidambaram's visit to Colombo, must clearly be affirmed by the Government of Sri Lanka as a basis and only a beginning point for further negotiations. India is also of the view that the final framework of a solution based on those proposals can only be forged when Sri Lanka Government and Ta.mil side come together again for negotiations.

If the Government of Sri Lanka continues the economic blockade and military operations against Tamils, prospects of violence will increase. India's assessment is that the con flict will be prolonged and will escalate.

Statement—n

Response of President Jayewardene *(to PM's message of February* 10) handed *over* to High Commissioner *Dixit on* 12-2-87.

The response to the Government of India's message being given below is predicated on the clear understanding that all further discussions to be held or solution to be evolved shall be within the framework of the independence, territorial integrity and unity of Sri Lanka:

1- If the armed separatists (LTTE) agree to cease armed violent operations and related military preparations and desist from any activity aimed at setting up or interfering with the legal administration of the area, and this is announced by them; the Govern-

ment of Sri Lanka would ensure that the armed forces will not carry out any further military operations in the area during this period.

2. When hostilities cease, in terms of Para 1 above the embargo (on the movement of certain com-moditjies) now in force in the Jaffna peninsula will be lifted.

2 (a) If the LTTE is prepared to attend talks with the representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka towards a peaceful solution of the ethnic problem, appropriate talks may be held in Hew Delhi with the assistance of the representatives of the Government of India. The Government of Sri Lanka expects the Government of India to underwrite the implementation of any agreement so reached.

3. Upon the armed separatists giving up their arms—a vital step in strenthening the civil administration—a general amnesty will be given to them by the President of Sri Lanka.

4. When talks towards a peaceful solution to the ethnic problem commence the Government 0f Sri Lanka will release those persons now held in custody under the Fre vention Qf Terrorism Act who have no charges against them.

5. In all these proceedings the mediatory role and the good offices of the Government of India are relevant. This Government of Sri Lanka reaffirms that the results of the discussions held so far, in-cluding the proposals of 19th December 1986, will be the basis for evolving a durable solution.

6. The Government of Sri Lanka is agreeable to an early date being fixed for the negotiations.

Visit of P.M.'s Emissary to Sri Lanka

426. SHRI K. GOPALAN.-
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. HP. SHARMA;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Dinesh Singh was sent to Sri Lanka as a special emissary of the Prime Minister of India; and

(b) if so, in what capacity he was sent and what were the details of the message he carried and what was the response of the Sri Lankan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Dinesh Singh was sent as PM's personal emissary to meet President Jayawardene in Colombo. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the discussions.

Review of India's nuclear policy

427. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing concern in the country at the nuclear weapons programme of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any review has so far been made of India's policy regarding the peaceful uses of nu-clear energy; and

(c) what steps are being taken to match India's capability in the defence field to that of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant review to ensure full defence preparedness.

Ethnic problem of Sri Lanka

428. SHRI CHITTA BASU; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state-.

(a) whether the mediatory role of India has not succeeded in achieving a breakthrough of the ethnic problem Of Sri lanka.